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For : **Method and Apparatus for Screening a  
Potential Customer and Assigning an  
Account Number to the Potential Customer  
Across a Global Computer Network**  
Group Art No. : 3627  
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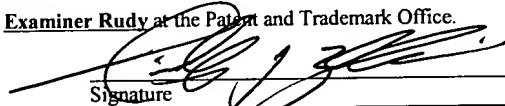
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**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL FILED JULY 7, 2003**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2003 and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2)(ii), please find the following remarks requesting reinstatement of the Appeal filed July, 7, 2003.

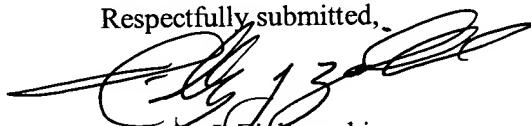
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-23 as being unpatentable over de Prins (USP 4,866,661).

Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on July 7, 2003. Responsive thereto, the Examiner withdrew the previous rejection thereby indicating the allowability of claims 1-23 over the previous grounds of rejection. Furthermore, the Examiner re-opened prosecution and rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a previously unconsidered reference, de Prins.

As such, Applicant hereby submits Request for Reinstatement of the Appeal in accordance with MPEP § 1208.02 and 37 C.F.R. 1.193(b)(2)(ii). Please find the accompanying Supplemental Appeal Brief as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.193(b)(2)(ii).

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